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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc., Alaska

Project No. 13272-004

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47,897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license to construct the Old Harbor Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) with the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The proposed 262 kilowatt (kW) project would be constructed on the East Fork of Mountain Creek and transfer water into a powerhouse on the Lagoon Creek Tributary, near the town of Old Harbor, Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska. Some project facilities would be located on approximately 1.85 acres of federal lands of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

The draft EA contains Commission staff's analysis and the FWS staff's review of the analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed hydroelectric project. The draft EA concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

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Please contact Adam Beeco (Commission Staff) by telephone at (202) 502-8655, or by email at [adam.beeco@ferc.gov](mailto:adam.beeco@ferc.gov), if you have any questions concerning the hydroelectric licensing process or contact Stephanie Brady (FWS Staff) by telephone at (907) 306-7448 or by email at [stephanie\\_brady@fws.gov](mailto:stephanie_brady@fws.gov), if you have questions concerning the right-of-way permit.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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